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Development of
SPS/OSP

20 October 1965

1. The following cryptic analysis presents selected historical and current personnel information concerning the Office of Special Projects and its predecessor organization, Special Projects Staff.

2. Executive Director approved on 24 September 1965 the creation of an Office of Special Projects, authorized as a temporary personnel ceiling of [] and further authorized the establishment of a Table of Organization at the level []. The raising of ceiling from [] was contingent upon briefings to be given BoB for purposes of obtaining approval for a supplemental personnel ceiling increase from the Bureau.

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3. Special Projects Staff was created by the direction of the Deputy Director for Science and Technology with the knowledge and concurrence of the DCI on 1 September 1964. It was deliberately established as an interim organization, with formalization to Office status waiting final resolution of the Agency's role in the NRP. Personnel were made available to SPS by the following devices:

a. Personnel ceiling, and incumbents of the positions of the established Systems Analysis Staff, O/DD/S&T, were made totally available to SPS.

b. Selected administrative personnel in OSA, primarily engaged in contracting and security functions, were earmarked to give full time support to SPS.

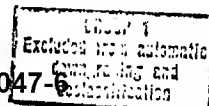
c. Certain technical field personnel, primarily located [] were put under the operational jurisdiction of SPS.

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d. [] from the Office of Scientific Intelligence were detailed full time to SPS.

e. A limited number of new employees, whose services were certified as absolutely essential in prosecuting our satellite responsibilities, were

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specifically hired for SPS, utilizing available personnel ceiling still available to the Directorate as a whole. In no case did the Directorate exceed its total authorized personnel strength by such specific and necessitous recruitment.

4. The Office of Special Projects, as of 11 October 1965, has on duty [redacted] The personnel ceiling, while established by the Executive Director [redacted] is, in fact, [redacted] The figure [redacted] includes [redacted] transferred from the Office of Special Activities to OSP. These [redacted] were transferred to O/DD/S&T on 10 June 1965 for SPS purposes, and now will be further transferred to OSP since it is now legally established. Those [redacted] are as follows:

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The personnel ceiling of [redacted] authorized by Executive Director is composed of two increments:

a. [redacted] ceiling positions are made available from the recent merger of BMSD/OSI with FMSAC.

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5. The actual personnel carrying vehicle for [redacted] people now on duty with OSP is as follows:

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- a. Detailed and/or transferred from OSA
- b. Detailed from SAS
- c. Detailed from OSI

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